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Campus

Greeks sponsor toiletry drive

Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council are cosponsoring a campus-wide toiletry drive to benefit homeless individuals in Fort Worth.

Amy Hanson, Panhellenic director of service and a junior speech pathology major, said both Panhellenic and IFC are encouraging all Greek chapters and TCU individuals to help with "Project Homeless."

The organizations ask that students create "homeless bags" by using a plastic grocery store bag to hold several toiletry items.

The organizations will collect the bags from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, which is also National Youth Service Day, in The Main.

Students can also deliver the bags to boxes near the entrance of The Main or in Sadler Hall Room 16 from today to Friday.

Essential items for the bags include toothpaste, toothbrush, hair brush, Ziploc bag, soap, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, razor, deodorant, lotion, a towel and feminine hygiene products.

Panhellenic and IFC members will deliver the toiletries to homeless individuals at 10 a.m. April 4 outside of the Presbyterian Night Shelter.

Panels to discuss Western literature

The TCU community can get a taste of Southwest and Western literature at a day of events titled "Texas in the Western and Beyond: Two Perspectives," from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni & Visitors Center.

The free events will feature a panel discussion and two sessions of lectures from faculty and staff members from TCU, the University of North Texas, Brigham Young University, McMurry University and the University of Munster in Germany.

Tracy Row, editor of the TCU Press and a participant in one of the panel discussions, said the lectures will allow people with an interest in Western literature to hear perspectives from visiting scholars.

"The idea (for the program) is really an exchange of ideas," he said.

Highlighting the day's events will be a panel discussion titled "State of the West in Print" at 9:15 a.m. German scholars will then give a formal presentation of their view of the Texas western at 10 a.m., followed by a luncheon address on "The Western and 'Serious' Literature" at noon. A final presentation from Texas scholars will be held at 1:30 p.m.

World

Mexican massacre to be investigated

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A special prosecutor's office has been appointed to oversee the final stages of the investigation into the massacre of 45 people in Chiapas state, Mexico's attorney general announced Tuesday.

Attorney General Jorge Madrazo Cuellar said the office will also investigate armed groups and arms trafficking in the southern state.

It was in Chiapas that Zapatista rebels staged an uprising in 1994, calling for greater democracy and improved rights for Indians.

Madrazo Cuellar named Efrén Gonzalez Pola to head the office, the official Notimex news agency reported.

Madrazo Cuellar said criminal proceedings have begun against 124 people — including 92 who have been arrested — in connection with the Dec. 22 massacre in Acteal, a hamlet whose residents generally sympathized with the Zapatista rebels. Paramilitaries linked to the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party have been blamed for the killings.

Government supporters have accused sympathizers of Zapatista rebels of having killed at least 18 of their comrades in the region.

Skog creates awareness of inner spirit

By Julie Redwine
STAFF REPORTER

Keynote speaker for the Fourth Annual Women's Symposium Susan Skog told 85 TCU faculty, staff and students Tuesday night that everyone can "awaken their inner spirit."

During her lecture in the University Theatre, the famous author used butterflies as a metaphor for a woman finding her inner voice.

"It's like a butterfly coming out of its cocoon," Skog said.

The search for the inner spirit or voice is a search for who a person really is, and requires a person to

Author examines discovering one's identity

learn how to be less dependent on external influences, Skog said.

Skog said sometimes the process of awakening begins when a woman quiets down. Although awakening can occur by being loud, women tend too often to edit themselves, she said.

"We need to develop the capacity to speak out," Skog said.

Finding passion for things occurs when people step away from the rush of life and search for the "symphony in ourselves," she said.

"Our inner spirits are flame-like," Skog said.

She also described Princess Diana's search for her own inner voice and the satisfaction she found by helping those who were less fortunate.

Skog said Diana's inner voice was found by "walking through fire to find her inner fire" and through bad circumstances and grief.

Referring to her own major surgery in 1992, in which she had ruptured discs removed from her neck, Skog

said something has to "die" so people can find their inner voices.

"Sometimes physical degeneration leads to spiritual regeneration," Skog said.

Skog said that when one woman succeeds in finding her inner voice, everyone gains from it, and when one suffers, all suffer.

"When we come together, we affirm the collective vision that we create for ourselves," Skog said.

Diane Nucatola, a graduate student

in psychology, said Skog's message reached many women who attended the lecture.

"Her participation (in the symposium) made us more aware of who we are," Nucatola said.

Skog said her surgery and a midlife crisis led her to write on a deeper spiritual level. Her passion in life has surged since she touched a new level of her inner voice, she said.

She said she thought her speech influenced members of the audience.

"I think I struck a chord with the women on some common issues," Skog said.

Jazz hands



Anne Drabicky OPINION EDITOR

John Ollom, a senior ballet major, and Vanessa Freedman, a sophomore ballet major, dance Tuesday in the Student Center as the Jazz Ensemble plays in the background.

House passes new budget

Easter event funding debated

By Aimée Courtice
STAFF REPORTER

The House of Student Representatives unanimously passed a \$240,000 budget and introduced a bill that proposes to establish academic representatives.

The budget, which is divided into about \$95,000 for the House and \$145,000 for Programming Council, was not met with any debate by House members.

House of student representatives

House President Shana Lawlor said she is glad the budget passed, but she was puzzled as to why there were not any questions or issues raised by House members.

"I am concerned that they weren't more inquisitive about it," she said. "They did have about four weeks to ask questions of the Finance Committee. I guess if they did not have any questions, they were reviewing it and doing their homework."

"I'm happy with the budget. I think it's a good budget, and I want to commend Renee (Rabeler, House treasurer) for her hard work," she said.

Lawlor said the new budget is much better because

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Westheimer to speak about sex and relationships

By Selena Hernandez
STAFF REPORTER

Ruth Westheimer, the famous psychosexual therapist, will talk to TCU students about sexual literacy and awareness at 7 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballroom.

During her visit, Westheimer will discuss maintaining healthy relationships and answer questions from students submitted before the lecture.

In a written contract between Westheimer and Programming Council, which will sponsor the event, Westheimer said she didn't

want the topic of tonight's lecture and discussion to focus on safe sex.

"(I) stress points of how to be responsible and caring in your relationships with other people," Westheimer wrote in the agreement.

Diana Munro, chairwoman of the PC Forums Committee, said the council has been planning Westheimer's visit since last year.

She said the committee wanted to reach the student body with a program that was both entertaining and educational.

Munro said she expects the ball-

room to be filled to capacity tonight.

"Even before we began to put up the publicity, people were talking about it," she said.

Munro said Westheimer will review a set of questions before the lecture begins because Westheimer said she feels more comfortable when she has time to respond to questions.

PC has set up a table in the Student Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today so curious students can leave their questions for Westheimer.

Munro said this process allows stu-

dents to ask whatever questions they want without feeling embarrassed.

"(We have the table) so people won't be afraid to ask their questions, and so as to not make anyone feel uncomfortable," she said.

Westheimer, 70, was born in Germany and received her training as a sex therapist at the New York Hospital/Cornell University Medical Center. She helped pioneer the field of media psychology with her radio program, "Sexually Speaking," in 1980.

Westheimer has gained notoriety

for her "no holds barred" attitude toward a subject that some consider taboo. The most recent of Ruth's 11 books, "Dr. Ruth's Encyclopedia of Sex," will be available on CD-ROM by Creative Multimedia later this year.

Munro said she hopes those who attend will gain a better understanding about sex and relationships.

"(I hope) they feel more comfortable with the topic and more comfortable talking about sex," she said. "The more comfortable you are, the easier it is to talk about."

On-campus numbers assigned new prefix

By Yumiko Shibata
STAFF REPORTER

The familiar on-campus telephone prefixes, 920 and 921, will be unified as 257, effective May 15 after the university replaced technology supporting the old prefixes last semester.

Jill Laster, vice chancellor for administrative services, said the change occurs after TCU's phone trunks, which were housed in the former Pete Wright Hall, were replaced with more modern technology and moved to the Sid W. Richardson Building.

The new Southwestern Bell trunks that contain the new 257 prefix can no longer support 920 and 921 prefixes.

Laster said the 920 prefix, which is used for the residence halls, will no longer be used after this semester, but if a caller uses the 920 prefix, a recording will notify the caller of the new number.

She said TCU began to use both the 921 and 257 prefixes for the university offices last August, but the residence hall phone numbers have maintained only the 920 prefix.

Laster said CampusLink negotiated with Southwestern Bell to maintain the 920 and 921 prefixes until the end of the semester so service to students and university offices would not be disrupted.

"This is not that we have an option," Laster said. "We have to get new trunks in. This is reality."

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A friendly hello

Receptionist finds joy interacting with others



Maxine Maxwell
HORNED FROG OF THE WEEK

By Leah Garcia
STAFF REPORTER

In the Moncrief Hall lobby, she can be found answering phones, handing out packages or reading the latest Anne Perry mystery novel. Although she may not know everyone's name, rare is the student that slips by without hearing her friendly hello.

Maxine Maxwell, who began the spring semester as a receptionist in Moncrief Hall, said although her lifelong dream was to become an airline stewardess, her position as a receptionist is just as exciting.

She said her job is like a dream come true because she gets to meet students from all over the world.

"I get to meet and interact with many different students from many different places," Maxwell said. "I get to see so much happiness and sadness on this job."

Maxwell said she remembers helping one student sew patches on her boyfriend's



Philip Hawkins SKIFF STAFF

Maxine Maxwell, who works in the Moncrief Hall office, is a friendly face, well-known by many students who live on-campus.

jacket, only to find that they were all in the wrong places. She also recalls comforting girls on Valentine's Day when they did not receive any flowers.

Wanda Olson, associate director of residence life, said Maxwell was perfect for the job because of her interest in people's

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Pulse

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PSI CHI will meet at 6:30 p.m. today in Winton-Scott room 217. Sports psychologist David Cook will speak.



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For the next year, however, university offices can still be reached by either the 921 or 257 prefixes because material the university has already distributed contains the 921 prefix, she said.

Roger Fisher, director of residential services, said the office will remind students of the new prefix on their room assignment sheets.

He said the change in the residence hall prefix may cause a little confusion.

"Our students are smart enough to deal with it," he said.

Laster said because on-campus students go home for the summer, they have time to notify their friends of the change.

Laster said with the new technology, students will have the advantage of a kind of caller ID, in which students can know the numbers of people who called even when the caller does not leave a message.

"It will not be true caller ID because it won't tell the names, but it will give you the phone number," she said.

Krista Tatschl, a senior radio-TV-film major who lives in Waits Hall, said unifying the prefixes may solve the confusion between 920 and 921.

"I think it can be a good thing for people (who) forget which number they are dialing," she said.

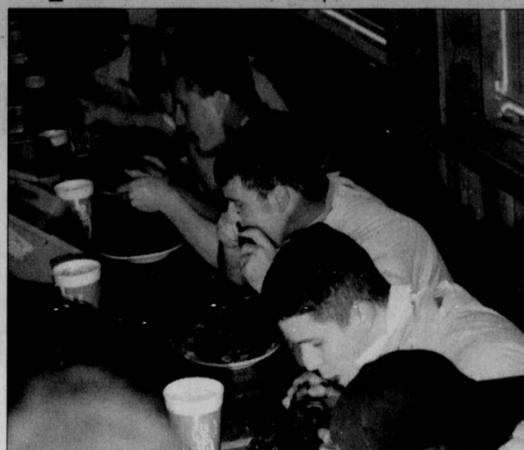
Jennifer Walker, a freshman pre-major who lives in Sherley Hall, said a change in her phone number may be inconvenient.

"It's going to be difficult to tell someone I don't talk to often," she said.

But Allison Serafin, a junior social work major, said she thinks the change is a good idea.

"Changing is always good as long as improvement is involved," she said.

Up in smoke



Leigh Wilson SKIFF STAFF

Members of TCU's Interfraternity Council devour plates of ribs Thursday night at Sonny Bryan's Smokehouse as part of a rib-eating contest.

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lives. "Maxine enjoys the close contact with the students and they enjoy her as well," Olson said. "She is genuinely interested in their lives and what they are doing."

Maxwell, a Fort Worth native, began working at TCU in August 1982. This was her first job since the age 15 when she worked at W.T. Grant department store downtown until she married.

After her marriage, she decided to devote her time to being a homemaker

and a mother as well as volunteering her time in hospitals, nursing homes and churches.

She married Roland Maxwell who had a severe heart attack at the age of 36 and died 16 years later of related heart problems.

Maxwell also has three children: one daughter who teaches journalism at Breckenridge High School, a son in graduate school at the University of Texas at Arlington and one son working for Applied Material in Austin.

After the death of her husband in

1976, she wanted to create a name for herself so she sought out friends who knew of job openings. She said she found out about the receptionist job through a friend who had a son attending TCU at the time.

"I was always a daughter, a sister, a wife and a mother," she said. "I was never Maxine. I felt set aside for so long because I did not feel like a part of the group."

For her first 13 years at TCU, she worked half the day at Sherley Hall and half the day at Clark Hall.

Maxine said her job as a receptionist helped her to gain the individuality she longed for.

Shawna Blocker, Hall Director for Moncrief, was a freshman in Sherley Hall when she met Maxwell. She said Maxwell has been able to create a name for herself because of her honest sincerity.

"Her demeanor and the way she interacts with people shows that she sincerely cares," Blocker said.

Last spring Maxwell had heart surgery which made it difficult for her

to make the transition from Sherley to Clark during the day.

After a full recuperation from her surgery, Maxwell was placed in Moncrief Hall.

Olson said they wanted to find a position for Maxwell where she could work all day instead of switching halls.

"We were thrilled that we were able to find a position for Maxine," Olson said. "It was not a hard decision simply because she makes such a difference in everyone's life."

Maxwell said the challenge of the transition for both her and the students was getting to know each other.

She said she moved from behind the receptionist's desk to the front of the office so she could see everyone who passes by.

"At first I had to force them to say hello, but I think they are beginning to look for me now," she said.

Krista Watson, a sophomore business major, said she immediately noticed the change in receptionists when she heard Maxwell greet her for

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| They exemplified outstanding community service and took a proactive approach to alcohol by forming a stricter alcohol policy that eliminates underage and irresponsible drinking. | | | | | | |
| 8 | Panhellenic Chapter of the Month: Delta Gamma | | | | 14 | |
| They demonstrated excellence in service with a Valentine's Day party for the visually impaired and certification of more than 40 new members to vision screen. They also collected the most toys for the Panhellenic Toy Drive and dedicated a week to recognize their new initiates. | | | | | | |
| IFC Member of the Month | | | | | | |
| 22 | 23 | Jonny Rogers | | | 27 | 28 |
| Jonny holds the intramural chair and social chair positions for the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He also participated in an after-school program at Nash Elementary. | | | | | | |

editorial

ONCE MORE WITH FEELING

House includes students in decision

Here we go again. In a bill introduced during its weekly meeting yesterday, the House of Student Representatives is attempting to bring back academic representation. If the House passes it next week, they will call the student body to vote in a referendum that will decide whether to bring about such a change to the House's constitution. The proposed change will allow for representatives from each of the five schools and follows on the heels of last semester's fluke, in which the House passed a similar bill that was later retracted by the Executive Board. The board found that the bill "did not comply with the constitution" because a referendum was never called. Perhaps it's good this time that the House decided to include the student body while it tinkers with such an important document.

After all, we're the ones who provided the House with its \$221,000 working budget. According to the bill, written by the Academic Affairs Committee, the university "is lacking in the adequate academic representation that (it) once possessed."

Since House officials plan to hold the campus-wide referendum at the end of this month, it's up to the students to decide on the proposed representation. Geez, let's just make sure we thank the House for finally giving us the opportunity.



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Awesomely cool ideas

Government gives kazooos to kids, mandates hugs

With the justification that "it would be awesomely cool," Vice President Al Gore proposed earlier this month that the U.S. government design and operate a satellite to project a live image of the Earth on the Internet around the clock.

Gore, in a speech at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said, "This new sael-lite, called Triana, will allow people around the globe to gaze at our planet as it travels in its orbit around the Sun for the first time in history."

Commentary



SPENCER BAUM

What a cool idea. I know my life will be significantly impacted as I check in periodically to see how the Earth is doing in its orbit. And it won't just be me. Gore said (the new satellite photos will "educate millions of children around the globe." How exciting for them. You know what else would be awesomely cool? A radio station that played nothing but Rachmaninoff. Rachmaninoff's a very cool composer (much cooler than Beethoven), and it would be awesome if millions of children got to listen to his cool music whenever they wanted to. Children would also benefit in a most awesomely cool way if the

government bought everyone a kazoo. If every child had a kazoo he or she could use to make music, kids might not form gangs, use drugs, murder their teachers or allow pedophiles to put naked pictures of them on the Internet. That would be both awesome and cool.

Here's another awesomely cool project in which the government can help millions of children: mandatory hugging laws. All adults should be required by law to hug a child for at least one minute a day. This would greatly help children's self-esteem and would, of course, be awesomely cool.

Wanna hear a totally awesomely cool idea? Two words: after-school story hour. We should have people reading stories to kids in the park for an hour after school every day. And on Saturdays we could have big games of Red Rover!

Our troubled youth in the inner-city could really use the help of awesomely cool ideas. Here's one. The government could create a gang that does lots of cool stuff, like go to the library and clean up graffiti.

There would be no guns, drugs or teen pregnancies allowed. All members could wear black T-shirts sporting the G.A.N.G. (Government Approved gNarly Group) logo. With that kind of alternative, why would a kid ever want to join a street gang?

Poor families need special awesomely cool programs. We could rename the ATF the Association of Tooth Fairies, and they could put cash under the pillows of recently

toothless kids who live below the poverty line.

We also need a Robin Hood program that takes birthday money from kids with rich grandmas and redistributes it to make sure everyone gets a good birthday check.

Unpopular kids need awesomely cool stuff, too. Think of all the overweight, pizza-faced kids who have no social life at all. It would be awesome if we gave a \$500 tax credit for each family pet. That way, ugly families have an incentive to buy a friend for their loser kids.

Let's also create a program to make sure even pimply-faced adolescents have dates. It would be really cool. Our social security number already classifies us by age, sex and current address. Why not just add sexual preference to the list? Then any time you want a date, the government can assign one based on compatible Social Security numbers.

Al Gore's idea is great, but the Earth isn't the only place that makes for good educational photography. Let's also put a camera in the Oval Office 24 hours a day and post the pictures on the Internet to serve as sex education for millions of children around the globe. I can hear the excited kids now. "Awesome!" "Cool!"

Let's also build bubble cities in the ocean. And colonize the galaxy with a chain of giant hexagons. Wouldn't that be awesomely cool?

Spencer Baum is a senior economics major from Albuquerque, NM

Suicide debate lingers

He's known as The Doctor of Death. Eight years ago in a Michigan RV park, he started physician-assisted suicide.

Dr. Jack Kevorkian's patient, Janet Adkins, a community college professor, was suffering from Alzheimer's disease. She became the first person to use the lethal drug-injecting machine created by Kevorkian, and sparked a national debate.

Last year when the Supreme Court refused to create a national standard, it left the door wide open for each state to create its own laws dealing with the practice. Since before the court's ruling, there has been overwhelming opposition to the practice.

Commentary



JOE HENDERSON

Even though various polls have shown that most Americans favor allowing assisted suicide, their beliefs have not materialized into law. Currently, 35 states, including Texas, specifically outlaw the practice and another nine have made it illegal through common law. This may not be the end of the matter, though.

The states seem to be responding to the Supreme Court's refusal to set a national standard with a surge of new laws, or a reinforcement of existing laws. So far, the positions of these state decisions seem to be divided.

During this past year, nine states have introduced measures for, and another nine have introduced measures against this practice. I have to admit, when I first heard of assisted suicide, I was revolted.

"Why would anyone want to end their own life?" I thought that these people should be saved from themselves, and was glad when laws were passed to outlaw the practice.

Now, I have a completely different perspective, though. This issue has come to be one of individual rights. I have come to believe that if someone wants to commit suicide, he should be allowed to in the least painful way possible.

Face facts, if someone wants to die, they can kill themselves anytime in countless ways and no one would know, or care. However, only when they are assisted by a doctor do lawmakers seem to get upset and outlaw it.

I think the issue should be discussed more openly and the decision left up to the people, instead of just being outlawed. After all, if they don't like it, then they shouldn't do it, but why are they making choices for every individual?

Oregon seems to agree with me. In 1994, it became the first state to legalize assisted suicide. State officials have said that the intent of the law is to promote openness about the issue and explore the alternatives.

Dr. Kathleen Weaver, medical director of the Office for Oregon Health Plan Policy and Research said in an article in *The Dallas Morning News*, "We're willing to try something new and to realize that it's not perfect. It's something we're going to need to refine or maybe even refute."

The response from the opposition to the law has been less than magnanimous, though. In fact, it has been downright childish.

For example, Dr. N. Gregory Hamilton, an opponent of assisted suicide, said in the same article, that Oregon residents may have "a greater moral deficit than the other states."

He has also stated, "It's possible that the people in the state of Oregon want to see the dismantling of the moral and religious beliefs upon which this country was founded."

I think his response shows the true weakness of the opposition — their whole position is based on their personal beliefs and those beliefs alone.

It's one thing for state legislatures to pass laws concerning things like taxes and driving, but it's quite another to make decisions concerning people without regard for their circumstances or beliefs.

Other states should follow in Oregon's footsteps and leave the decision with the individual where it belongs.

Joe Henderson is a senior accounting major from Southlake, Texas.

Who are feminists actually helping?

"With friends like these, who needs enemies?"

You've probably heard that saying before. In this column, I use it to refer to feminists and just who it is they are supposed to be helping out.

Initially, I wanted to measure the responses of feminists to the Republican Robert Packwood and compare them to the responses thus far to President Clinton, who is in hot water over similar circumstances (improprieties with women).

Basically, I wanted to see if being a Democrat or Republican made a difference in how feminists responded to essentially the same situation.

As I was researching the reactions of feminists to Packwood's antics, I came across something very interesting: what Packwood and Clinton have in common matters much more to feminists than their political affiliations. Feminists were rather slow to put Packwood to the floor because he, like Clinton, is an ardent supporter of legalized abortion.

Legalized abortion is the most sacred cow for feminists. It is so sacred that, apparently, feminists are willing to sacrifice some of their sisters to the groping paws of these pro-choice politicians.

This is a most bitter irony that no doubt eats at the craw and consciences of feminists.

It was not too many years ago that feminists were claiming that women who came forth about being sexually harassed or raped were highly likely to not be lying about it. Our laws became such that men accused of harassment or rape were virtually guilty until proven innocent.

That is, until frisky-fingered pro-choice politicians like Packwood and Clinton began popping up in the news. This must have put a terrible strain on feminist leaders over what to do and say in response.

Ultimately, they said and did very little or nothing at all. What they did say, often sounded like they were blaming the women for their harassment.

Another interesting example of feminists' concern for political power over the interests of their sisters is the recent United Nations conference in China. China has a one-child-per-family law in place, something that many feminists support.

Because Chinese families are limited to one child, they prefer boys. It is such that they will abandon their already-born girls if the family later has a boy.

Chinese women who try to have a second child will be forced to have an abortion; that is, they are being denied their right to choice. Where are the protests of their Western sisters? To her credit, Hillary Rodham Clinton did make some critical comments while the U.N. conference was going on, but she was the exception.

The elimination of Chinese girls has gotten so bad that the boy-to-girl ratio is greatly skewed; 117 boys to every 100 girls born, according to a 1997 World Health Organization report.

This same report also states that, due to sex-selected abortions, infanticides, neglect, maltreatment and malnourishment, 50 million Chinese girls are "missing," that is, unaccounted for in regard to the number that should exist for a country the size of China (population-wise).

The silence of Chinese women's Western sisters is, as they say, deafening.

Does power, popularity and funding matter so much to feminists that they are willing to sacrifice their sisters worldwide on the altar of this power, popularity and funding? Aren't feminists supposed to be protecting oppressed women everywhere, no matter what the cost or sacrifice?

When men act in such a power-mongering way, they are rightly chastised. When feminists act in such a way toward the very women they themselves have sworn to protect, a couple words come to mind: hypocrite is one; traitor is another.

Feminists have done a lot of good helping society realize the depth of unfairness and hostility men have had against women. For that, they should be commended. However, their accomplishments are pyrrhic if they continue to ignore the cries of their sisters who happen to fall on the wrong side of their political views.

John P. Araujo is a general studies major from Fort Worth.

Commentary



JOHN P. ARAUJO

Letter to the editor

Greek officer, director respond to editorial

In response to the editorial, "Mad Dash, Sorority Rush already hectic enough" printed on Wednesday, March 25, I feel a clarification on behalf of the Panhellenic Council is necessary.

The article accused the Panhellenic Council, and myself in particular, of jeopardizing the academic careers of current and future students during the fall sorority Rush period. Due to the current sorority renovation project, the 1998 fall Rush schedule was pushed back to ensure that the renovation was completed.

Panhellenic Fall Rush will take place over Labor Day weekend (Sept. 3-7) and will not conflict with ANY academic activity. All events scheduled during the regular business week begin after 6 p.m. and conclude prior to 10 p.m.

All students (rushes and chapter members) who have evening classes are required to attend class. This will be monitored by chapters and the Panhellenic Rush team. Rushes who have night classes scheduled during the evening Rush events will have flexible schedules.

Sorority members will not be participating in extensive work weeks during the first week of school, but, rather, will return to TCU early. Under NO circumstances would the Panhellenic Council endorse an event that would jeopardize the academic performance of ANY student.

With the encouragement and support from the administration, specifically Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, the Panhellenic Council has devised this "delayed rush" plan.

As stated in the editorial, "Panhellenic is responsible for looking out for the well-being of every sorority member, including the aspect of academics." Clearly if the Skiff editorial board would have investigated the matter more thoroughly, they would have been able to report all of the proactive measures Panhellenic and the administration has enacted prior to making the decision to "delay rush."

More importantly, they would not have falsely written that there was a lack of concern for academics. One of the basic tenets of a national sorority is scholarship.

Megan Masoner
Panhellenic President
Kirsten Kirst
director of fraternity and sorority affairs

Editor's Note: Members of the editorial board feel that despite any actions taken by TCU or Panhellenic, members of the various sororities will still be spending time doing last-minute preparations for Rush during the week even if class schedules mean that a student should be in a lecture at that time.

HOUSE

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of several new additions.

"It is the best way to spend money effectively," she said. "There are a lot of new items that were set up to give House more leeway in its spending."

She said the new budget allows the House to allocate money to things it was previously unable to afford.

Lawlor said the House will now be able to send its executive officers to conventions in order to get ideas on how to improve student government.

The House also introduced a bill to revise the House Constitution and Election Code and the Bylaws of the Academic Affairs Committee.

Election and Regulations Committee Chairman Pete Radovich said the bill proposes augmenting representation in the House by creating new positions representing each of TCU's five academic schools.

"One of our main goals of the bill is to find the way to represent the biggest percentage of students," he

said. "Another reason for the bill is to increase the effectiveness of the House's Academic Affairs Committee."

Radovich said academic representatives would be required to serve on the Academic Affairs Committee. He said the direct contact the representatives would have with the individual schools would be very beneficial.

According to the House Constitution, any proposes to change the constitution need to be approved by two-thirds of the House.

If the bill passes, a student body referendum will be held. The bill was tabled to be reviewed by the House Elections and Regulations Committee for discussion and review until next week.

In other business, the House unanimously passed a bill allocating \$4,650 to purchase and install 93 cigarette urns for the outside of TCU dormitories.

Student Concerns Committee Chairwoman Sarah Burleson said the new urns are needed since the administration's decision to ban smoking in all residence halls, except Greek housing, will go into effect this fall.

The House also passed a bill allocating \$835 to fund United Campus Ministries' Easter Sunrise Service.

Although the bill passed in a 47-51 vote, there was debate as to whether the House should support a religious event.

Logan Grover, the Delta Tau Delta representative, said House funds should not be used on religious events. "We should not choose one religion to fund, or any at all," he said.

Ron Fields, a Brite Divinity School representative, said the House would not be advocating one religion and dis-counting all others if it passed the bill.

"This bill should not be judged as Christian versus non-Christian," he said. "We're using House funds for

people to come together to enjoy a performance. This is merely a student organization coming to House for funding."

In a 43-2-3 vote, the House also introduced and passed a bill to help fund the TCU Rugby Football's trip to a regional championship this weekend at the University of Kansas.

The bill originally requested \$944 to cover travel and tournament registration costs. The House agreed to allocate \$674. This amount was decided upon because it will cover the cost left over after each of the team members contributes \$15 for the trip.

The House also passed a resolution in a 30-11-3 vote to support the removal of the four kiosks around campus, which will later be replaced by other message display boards.

According to the resolution, the kiosks are weatherworn and not an adequate way of disseminating information. The kiosks were placed on

campus in 1996.

Some House members objected to the resolution because currently there is not a definite replacement for the kiosks. Permanent Improvements Committee Chairman Walker Moody said that by the end of the semester the committee will have a definite plan of action.

Moody also said that for the last three semesters, the Permanent Improvements committees have wanted to get rid of the kiosks.

Stoney White, who served as the Permanent Improvements chairman when the kiosks were purchased and installed, said maintenance of the kiosks was an issue.

"The committee decided that it would be the job of the House to take care of the kiosks," he said. "If the kiosks look bad, it's the House's fault. But if there is a student desire to get rid of the kiosks, the House should remove them."

House of Reps Votes

1998-1999 budget approved

Bill 98-10 To fund the purchase and installation of 93 cigarette disposal urns - unanimously approved

Bill 98-11 To help fund the United Campus Ministries Easter sunrise service
For - 47
Against - 5
Abstain - 1

Bill 98-12 To fund the Rugby Football Club trip to the Western Regional rugby championships
For - 43
Against - 2
Abstain - 3

Resolution 98-4 To remove the five message kiosks
For - 30
Against - 11
Abstain - 3

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Campus

Cheer, SuperFrog tryouts soon

Tryouts for SuperFrog and Cheerleading will take place in the upcoming weeks.

Anyone interested in trying out for SuperFrog must attend a meeting at 5:30 p.m. April 9th at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The tryouts will be at 4:30 p.m. April 17th also at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Those who are interested in cheerleading must attend a pre-tryout meeting at 6 p.m. April 9th at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, and tryouts will be April 10th and 17th at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. For more information call 921-7965.

MLB

White Sox beat Rangers 9-2

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — If only Frank Thomas, Albert Belle and Robin Ventura could keep it up for the entire season.

In Jerry Manuel's first game as manager of the White Sox, Chicago's big three flashed the offense the team needs to get back into the playoffs, driving in two runs each Tuesday in a 9-2, season-opening victory over the Texas Rangers.

Jaime Navarro allowed just five hits in six innings, and Mike Cameron saved a home run when he leapt in left-center to snare a ninth-inning drive by Fernando Tatis that was headed over the wall.

Losing pitcher John Burkett was tagged for seven runs and six hits, all in the fifth inning.

NCAA

Watkins accepts A&M coaching job

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina-Charlotte coach Melvin Watkins has resigned to become head basketball coach at Texas A&M, UNC-Charlotte's athletic director announced Tuesday.

Judy Rose announced Watkins' departure at a news conference, saying he had accepted the A&M job. Rose and Watkins met Tuesday morning, then Watkins huddled with his players. He did not attend the news conference.

Watkins, 43, who rebuilt the UNC-Charlotte program during his two years as head coach, was expected to be introduced as the Aggies' new coach Wednesday at a news conference in College Station.

In his two seasons as UNCC's coach, Watkins' teams went 22-9 and 20-11, winning first-round NCAA tournament games each year.

In his second season as 49ers' coach, Watkins became a national target when he forced No. 1-ranked North Carolina into overtime in the second round of the NCAA East Regional before losing, 93-83.

Figure Skating

Ina and Dungen out at Worlds

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Jason Dungen's world is spinning, which is fine for a figure skater. Except when off the ice.

Dungen has a concussion and a broken bone above the eye that forced him and partner Kyoko Ina to withdraw from the World Figure Skating Championships. He was injured at practice when Ina's elbow caught him flush on the forehead during a triple twist.

The timing was especially distressing because the two-time U.S. champions had a strong shot at a medal in this event, which began Tuesday with the short program.

Dungen was hurt Sunday evening when he tossed Ina into the air for the triple twist. Her elbow slammed into his head and both of them heard a "crunching sound."

U.S. team physician Dr. Angela Smith said Ina sustained a contusion of the triceps muscle while Dungen has a mild concussion. He never lost consciousness, but by the time he left the ice he was dizzy.

Tennis team united despite injuries

Men gain valuable confidence

By Rusty Simmons
SKIFF STAFF

This past weekend, the TCU men's tennis team represented the Western Athletic Conference against three perennial Atlantic Coastal Conference powerhouses — Duke, the University of North Carolina, and Clemson. TCU was forced to play under-manned, but senior Matt Walsh said the confidence they gained may be more important than the 1-2 record they obtained.

The Frogs were without both Walsh, who has held the No. 2 position the majority of the year and is out because of an energy-draining cold, and their consistent No. 6 player, sophomore Matt Bere, who was out with a wrist injury for both the Duke and North Carolina matches.

"With Bere and myself out, the team really had to pull together and play well," Walsh said. "We made great improvement."

One player who does not need much improvement is freshman Esteban Carril, who Walsh called the team's obvious most valuable player. Carril upset the nation's No. 13 player, Doug Root (7-5, 4-6, 6-4).

"He's playing unbelievably," Walsh said. "We feel that when he takes the court, we already have one point, and that gives us a lot of confidence."

Unfortunately for the Horned Frogs, Carril's point was their sole point of the match. No. 12-ranked Duke won convincingly, 6-1.

The day before, TCU met Duke's cross-town rival, North Carolina. Still missing their No. 2 and No. 6 players, TCU managed to win 5-2.

"This match gave us great confidence in our seven and eight players," Walsh said. "It is tough to be

thrown into the lineup, but they proved they can play very well."

TCU's No. 7 and No. 8 players, freshman Sebastian Iannariello and sophomore Jaideep Shetty, filled in the No. 5 and No. 6 positions. Both won their singles matches against North Carolina before teaming up to win their doubles match at the No. 3 spot.

"We've been changing at the No. 3 position a lot, but they have a chance to stay together for a while," Walsh said.

Carril and freshman Scott Eddins each added a singles victory. They were forced to three-set matches prior to the North Carolina opponents succumbing to their pressure. Eddins handed Tony Thomas his first defeat of the season.

"Eddins is starting to play better," Walsh said. "It is important because we've been so up and down at the 2-5 spots this season."

The ups and downs were illustrated against Clemson on Friday. TCU fell to the Tigers, 4-3.

Carril and Iannariello both won singles matches, but without the doubles point, TCU could not clinch the match.

Freshman Trace Fielding lost the first set of his match, but battled back to win the next two sets. He forfeited just six games over the next two sets to win the match (4-6, 6-3, 6-3).

"He's starting to get his confidence back," Walsh said. "You have to play so well at the No. 2 and No. 3 positions each match, and Trace came through with a good performance."

TCU barely has time to rest before they pack up again. They head to College Station, Texas, today where they are pitted against the Aggies of Texas A&M on Thursday.



Freshman Martin Jirak serves the ball in practice Tuesday afternoon at the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center.

Utah's heart, strong defense deserves respect

So Utah won't hang the National Championship banner from the rafters in Salt Lake City, but the letters R-E-S-P-E-C-T could certainly find a place in their home arena.

The Utes ended the WAC's stereotypical hold on the "weak basketball conference out west" assumption that too many college basketball fans have made over the years.

There will be no more questions from future NCAA selection committee members about WAC teams performing at a higher level against better competition. No more com-

Utes prove WAC can compete with powerhouses

plaints that the conference isn't strong enough to permit its top team from advancing past the Sweet 16 and into the Final Four.

Utah served notice: The WAC is back.

WAC commissioner Karl Benson boasted a short month ago about how many of the conference's teams were still playing basketball past the regular season. Half to be exact. Eight of the sixteen teams garnered bids in the NIT or NCAA Tournament. Fresno State and Utah each managed Final Four bids, respectively in the NIT and NCAA.

But Utah did more than win five NCAA Tournament games and finish a respectable runner-up to Kentucky. The Utes finished first in the heart category.

Rick Majerus became the darling coach of the tournament. While most

underdog fans smiled and cheered when Utah shocked Arizona, most probably thought somebody else like North Carolina would speed up the clock to midnight on this Cinderella team.

The triangle-and-two defense is now more talked about than Roosevelt's charge up San Juan Hill. Majerus himself admits there is really nothing to it. Tell that to Arizona. Let Antawn Jamison hear that one, Rick.

Utah brought renewed respect to the term defense. Too many college teams have forgotten there are two parts to this game. Whether it was the "junk" triangle-and-two defense, as Majerus called it, or good solid man-to-man, the Utes played hard defense.

Majerus knew he didn't have the athletes to compete one-on-one with

the likes of Mike Bibby and Michael Dickerson, so he played zone. He also knew that if he bothered Antawn Jamison enough he could go man-to-man with a sag for some of the game against Carolina.

The mark of a good coach is molding mediocre talent into an above-average team. Majerus has done that. Utah is the true definition of team.

It was conference pride Monday night in San Antonio and the Utes made WAC coaches, fans and players proud with their performance.

Watching on television after the game, you could see how much it had all meant to Majerus. There's that heart thing again. Majerus admitted on ESPN that he felt bad. Not about the loss. Not about the season ending. About missing his sister's birthday two days ago. Huh? Maybe that's Majerus in a nut shell.

In the end it was a classy Utah team spouting the "take-your-hats-off-to-Kentucky" line for the media. The loss, especially blowing a 12-point second half lead, will still sting a few years from now. But did anybody really pick Utah to make the National Championship game?

In probably the best NCAA Tournament of the 1990s, the greatest story wasn't the buzzer beaters and fantastic finishes. It was those Utes coming together as a team and defeating two of the best teams in the country to reach the title game.

Utah gave the conference some much needed respect and showed the nation that the WAC can compete with the top basketball teams in the country.

Maybe next year Cinderella can become a Horned Frog.

Richard Durrett is a senior radio-TV-film major from Montreal.

'Flyin' Frogs' place high at UTA

Women place second overall; men place third overall in meet last weekend

By Matt Welneck
SKIFF STAFF

Staying true to form, TCU's track team dominated in the sprint events last weekend at the Texas-Arlington Track and Field Meet.

TCU finished second overall in the women's competition and third in the men's.

This was the second meet of the outdoor season for the Frogs, which is much different from indoor competition. Teams usually do better outdoors due to better track conditions.

"An indoor track is never a full 400 meters, but the outdoor track is only once around and the times are faster," sophomore Johnny Collins said. "Indoors is usually more tactical; sometimes you have to have a plan."

The team took advantage of the faster track and finished with a combined total of nine first-place finishes, all in sprint events and relays. Senior Giesla Jackson won first place in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes with times of 11.19 and 23.51 seconds, respectively.

Senior Tinesha Jackson-Hackney took second in the 100 and finished sixth in the 200. The women's 4X100 meter relay team took first place with a time of 44.46 seconds.

Sophomore Dywana Crudup won first place in the 400-meter dash with a time of 55.39 seconds and finished second in the 200. Junior Catoshia Lewis took third in the 200 and fourth in the 100. Junior Kahler Crudup finished fifth in both the 200 and 400.

In the women's 100-meter low hurdles, junior Chessna Davis won first place with a time of 14.04 seconds. In the long-distance events, sophomore Alison Harvey finished third in the 5,000-meter run and sophomore Marci Madsen placed fifth in the 1,500-meter run.

In the men's competition, senior Khadevis Robinson won the 400 with a time of 46.55 seconds with Collins coming right behind him in second place with a time of 46.57 seconds. Junior Jarmiene Holloway took second place in the 200 and fourth in the 100 with times of 21.00 and 10.17 seconds, respectively. Senior Percival Spencer, who has seen limited action due to a hamstring injury, took third place in the 100 with a time of 10.16 seconds.

In the hurdle competitions, the TCU men placed two in the top five with senior Clayton Brookins winning first place in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles and sophomore Michael Whitmarsh taking third in the 110-meter high hurdles.

Sophomore David Lagat won third in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 3:59.69 seconds. In the 3,000-meter steeplechase, senior Dan Shaw finished in second place, while freshman Ryan Womack came in fifth.

The TCU men's relay team won first place in both the 4X100 meter and the 4X400 meter. The team's next meet will start Thursday in Austin at the Texas Relays.



Junior Jarmiene Holloway (left) and senior Percival Spencer run sprints in a practice last week.

Junior places in NCAA Championship meet

By Katy Graham
STAFF REPORTER

Junior Jason Flint competed against the top college swimmers in the nation last weekend at the NCAA Championship meet in Auburn, Ala., placing 19th in the 200-yard breaststroke and 29th in the 100-yard breaststroke.

"Overall I really enjoyed going to the meet this year," Flint said. "It was a really amazing experience because it seemed like everyone in the finals was in the Olympics."

Flint's times for the 100- and 200-yard races were 56:00 and 2:00.41, respectively. In the 100-yard breaststroke, Flint missed placing in the top 16 by 3/10 of a second, which would have qualified him for All-American status for the second year in a row.

Head coach Richard Sybesma said he was proud of Flint's effort, but disappointed that he missed being an All-American.

"Jason has worked very hard this year, and I don't know why he didn't go a little faster than he did," he said. "It was a very hollow feeling leaving there, and it made us very hungry for next year. I still feel really proud that he finished in the top 20 in the entire nation."

Flint said he was happy just to have a chance to compete in the meet.

"It was a really good experience to see that kind of fast swimming," he said. "It gives me something to look forward to if I can get up to that level next year."



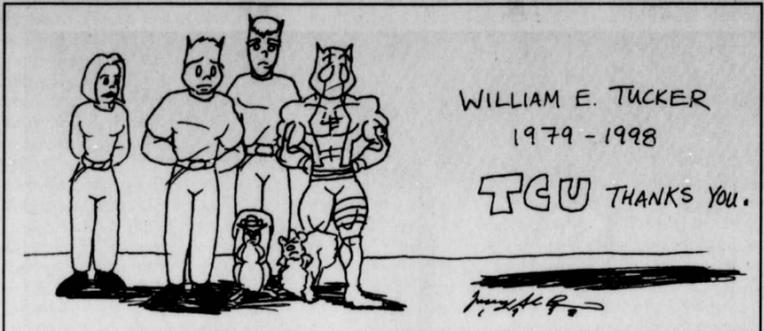
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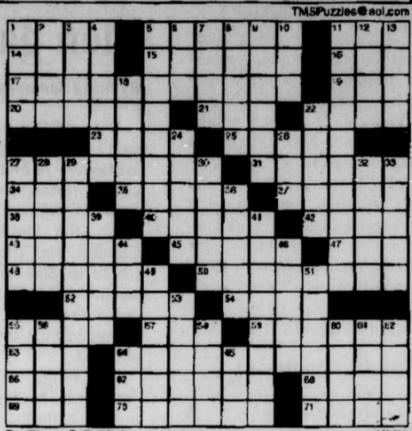
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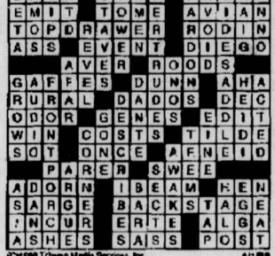
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 - 13 Verse
 - 18 'The George and ... Show'
 - 22 Dancer De Mille
 - 24 Called off
 - 26 Lead balloon
 - 27 Chess pieces
 - 28 Air
 - 29 Ascending, ascending?
 - 30 Family subgroup
 - 32 Group of eight
 - 33 'Beau ...
 - 36 Missile garages?



By Diane C. Baldwin
Columbia, MD

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved



Liberty Meadows

by Frank Cho



off the mark

by Mark Parisi



Mother Goose and Grimm

by Mike Peters



purple poll

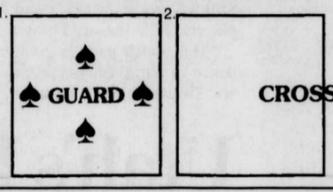
Q. ARE YOU GOING TO ATTEND DR. RUTH'S LECTURE WEDNESDAY?

A. YES NO MAYBE
48 50 2

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1. Slightly out of line
2. End table

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